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In re the Application of: **Mitsuzou NOGAMI et al.**

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For: **NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, METHOD OF PRODUCING NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 15, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Submitted herewith is a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes, along with proposed drawing addition of Figure 3.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new paragraph beginning at page 13, line 23:

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Fig. 3 is a schematic sectional view showing a state in which a second intermediate layer is formed on the intermediate layer, between the intermediate layer and the coating layer.